

**VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY AND FAX.**

Mary Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications & Energy  
One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

**RE: DTE 04-4 - New England Power Company –**  
**Responses to the Department's Third Set of Information Requests**

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed are an original plus six (6) copies of New England Power Company's  
Responses to the following Information Requests:

DTE 3-2, DTE 3-3, DTE 3-4, DTE 3-6, DTE 3-7, DTE 3-8, DTE 3-9, DTE 3-10,  
DTE 3-11 and DTE 3-23.

Please date- and time-stamp the enclosed letter and returned in the envelope included.

Respectfully,

/s/ Paige Graening

Enclosures

cc: Andres Saia, Siting Division  
Jolette Westbrook, Esquire  
John Young, Siting Division  
William Febiger, Siting Division

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Exemption in West Boylston,  
Massachusetts

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To expedite the Department's consideration of this filing, NEP is submitting together the following materials: ¶

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for filing are one (1) original and six (6) hard copies of the following materials:

NEP's Petition for Zoning Exemption in West Boylston, Massachusetts

The Department's Zoning Exemption Checklist pertinent to this filing

Pre-filed testimony and exhibits of the witnesses supporting the Petition

Dean M. Latulipe, P.E. – Project Need

Andres J. Molina – Project Design

Daniel McIntyre – Non-Electrical Design and Construction Issues

F. Paul Richards – Environmental Issues

A form of notice of a public hearing, for publication in The Worcester Telegram & Gazette

Appearance of Counsel

Motion for a Protective Order

The above materials are also captured in Word or PDF formats on the enclosed CD. Also included in this package is a check for \$100.00, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to cover the required filing fee.

An additional copy of this filing letter is enclosed, to be date- and time-stamped and returned to me in the attached self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this filing.